

Review of Hate Crime Prevention, Response, and Reporting in Seattle: Phase 2 Report

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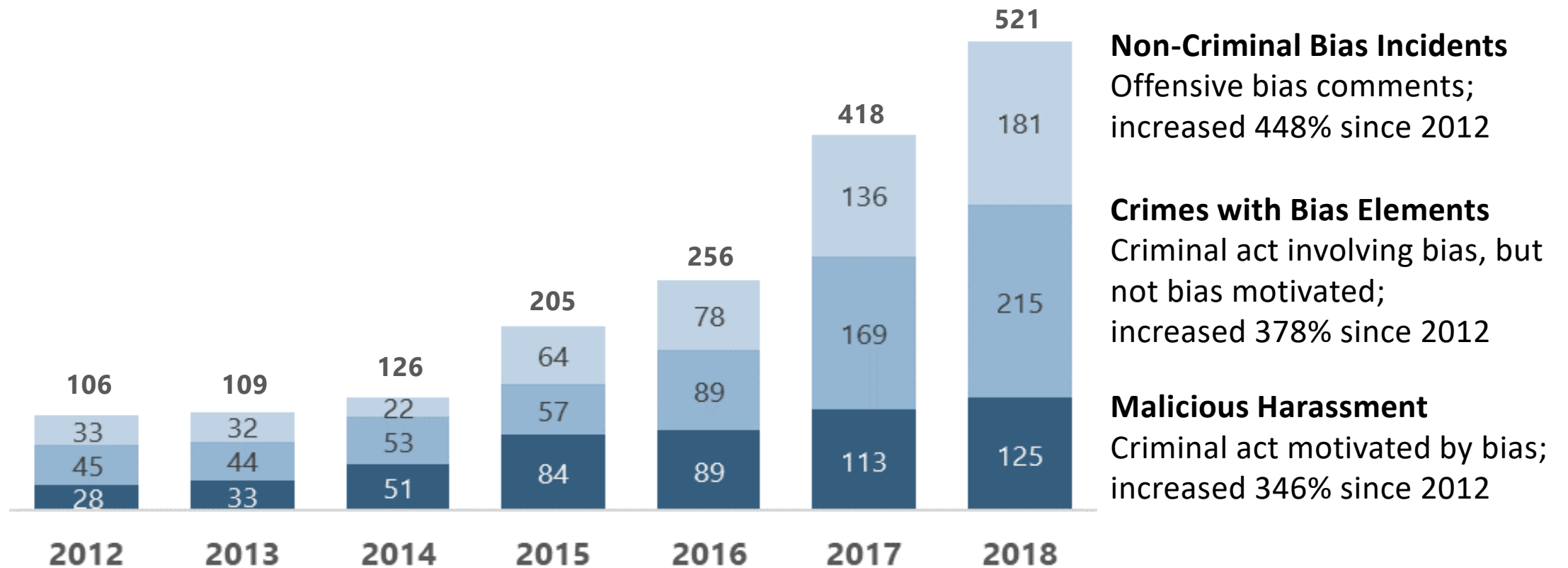


What We Did

1. Hate Crime Statistics 2012-2018
2. Prosecution Data
3. Geographic Analysis
4. Survey of Community Organizations
5. Data Tracking



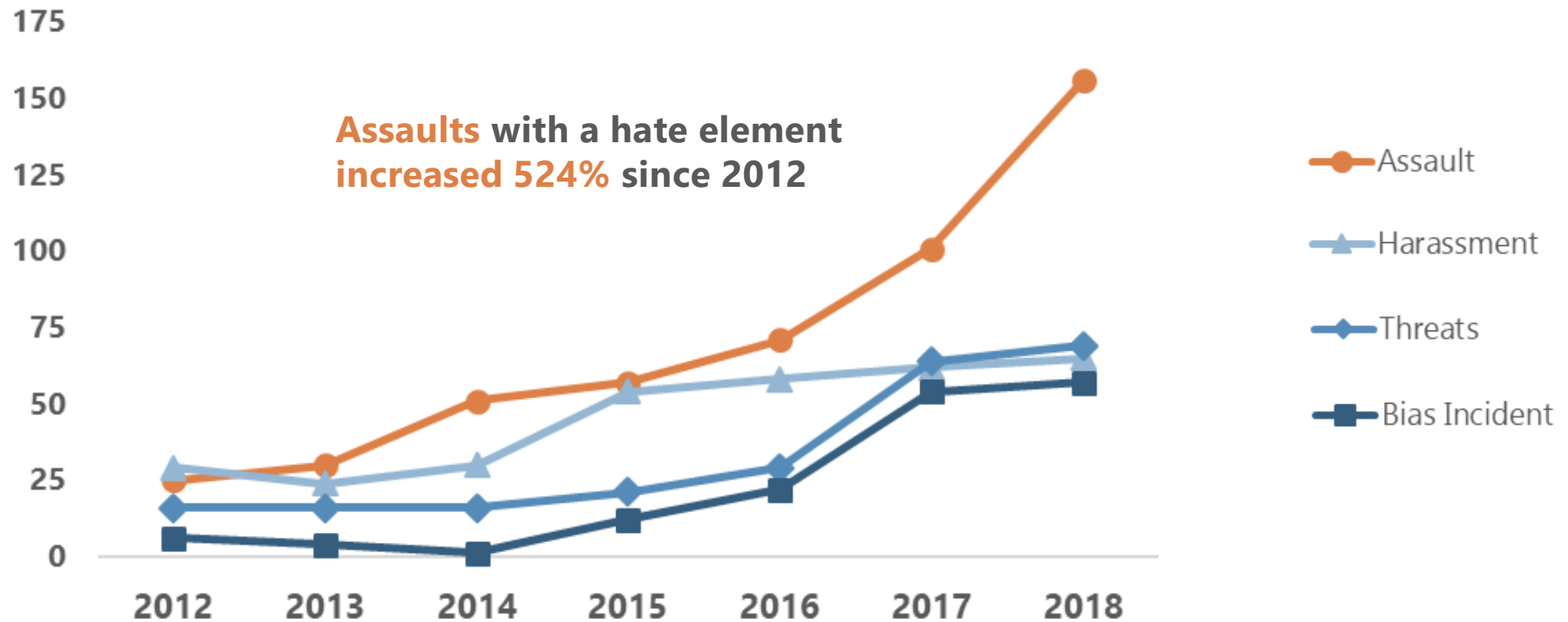
Reported Hate Crimes in Seattle are Rising



Source: Seattle Office of City Auditor analysis of [Seattle Police Department bias crime data](#).



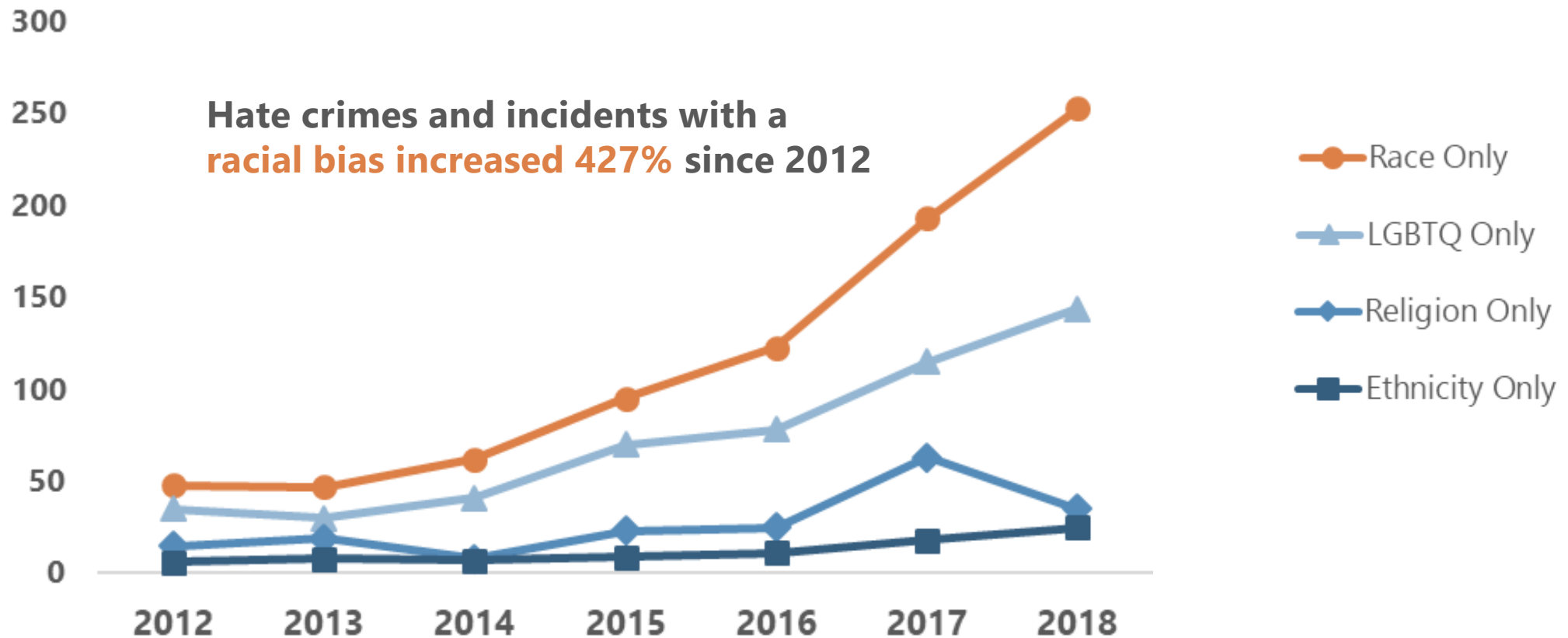
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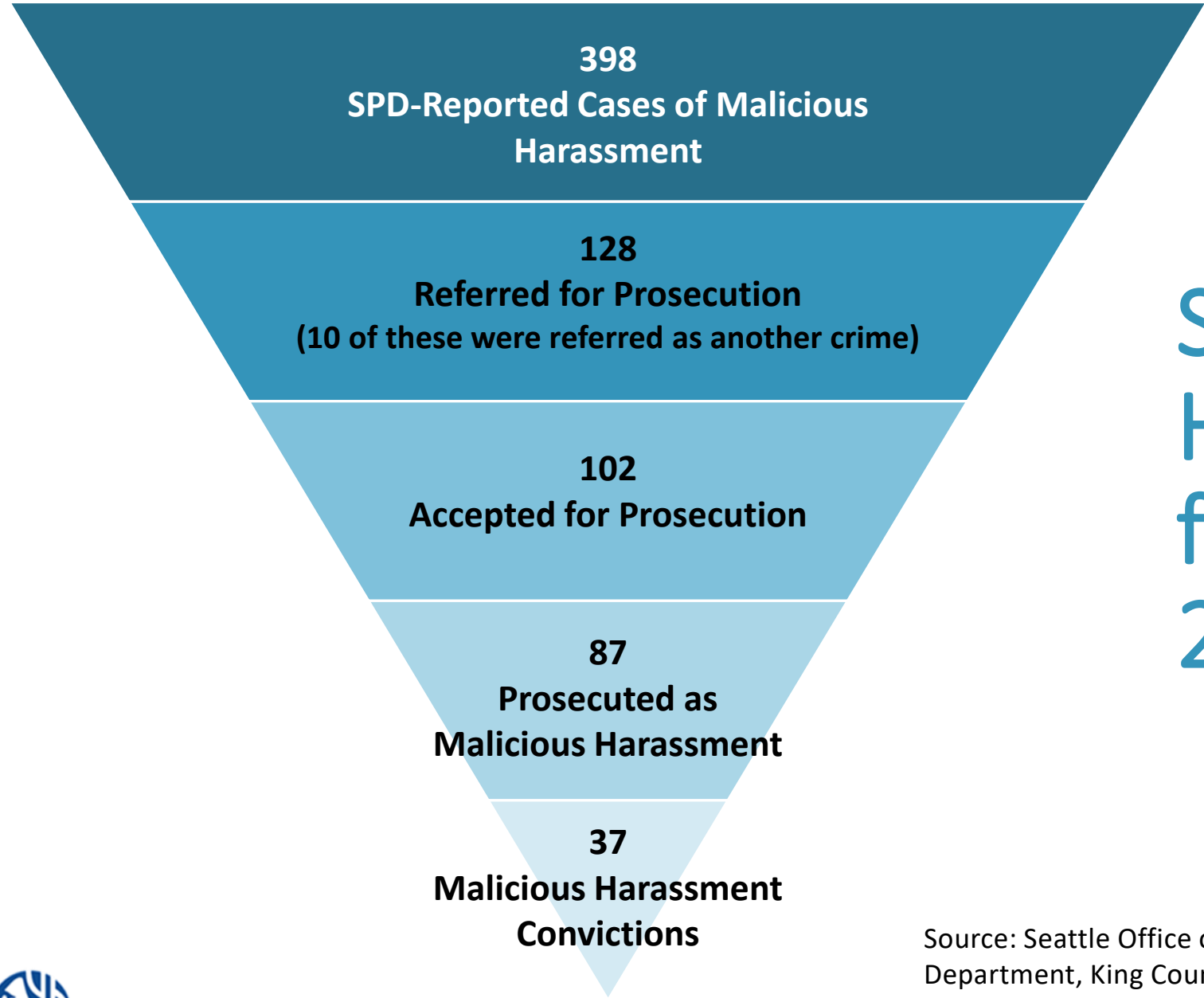


Top Four Bias Categories



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SPD Refers 1/3 of Hate Crime Cases for Prosecution, 2012-2017

Source: Seattle Office of City Auditor analysis of data from the Seattle Police Department, King County Prosecutor's Office, and the Seattle City Attorney's Office.



Prosecution Analysis: Recommendations

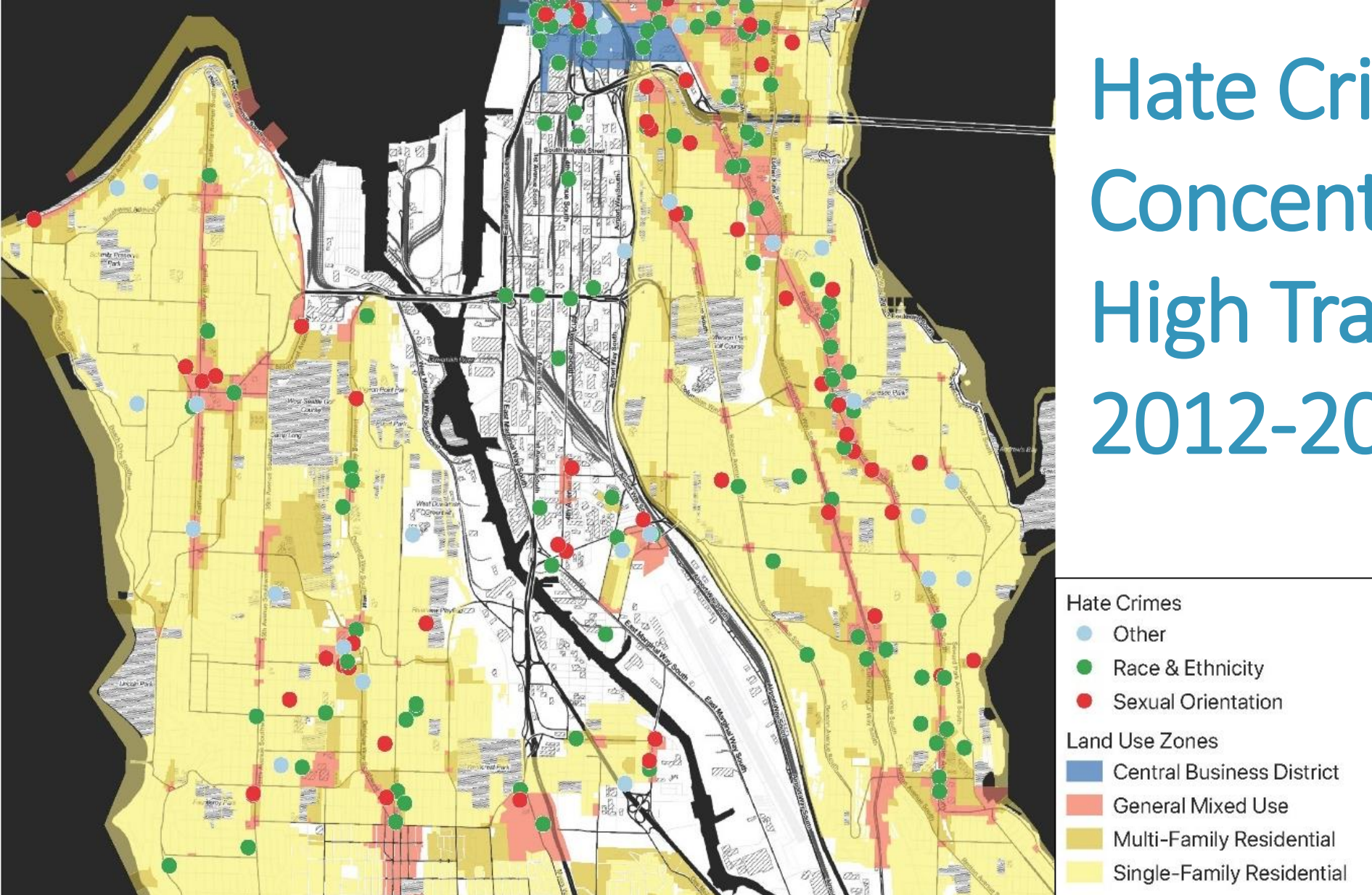
Recommendation 1: SPD should use their new records management system to improve tracking of referred hate crimes.

Recommendation 2: SPD should document why hate crimes are not referred for prosecution.

Recommendation 3: The Seattle City Attorney's Office and the King County Prosecutor's Office should track and publicly report hate crime prosecution data.



Hate Crimes Were Concentrated in High Traffic Areas, 2012-2016

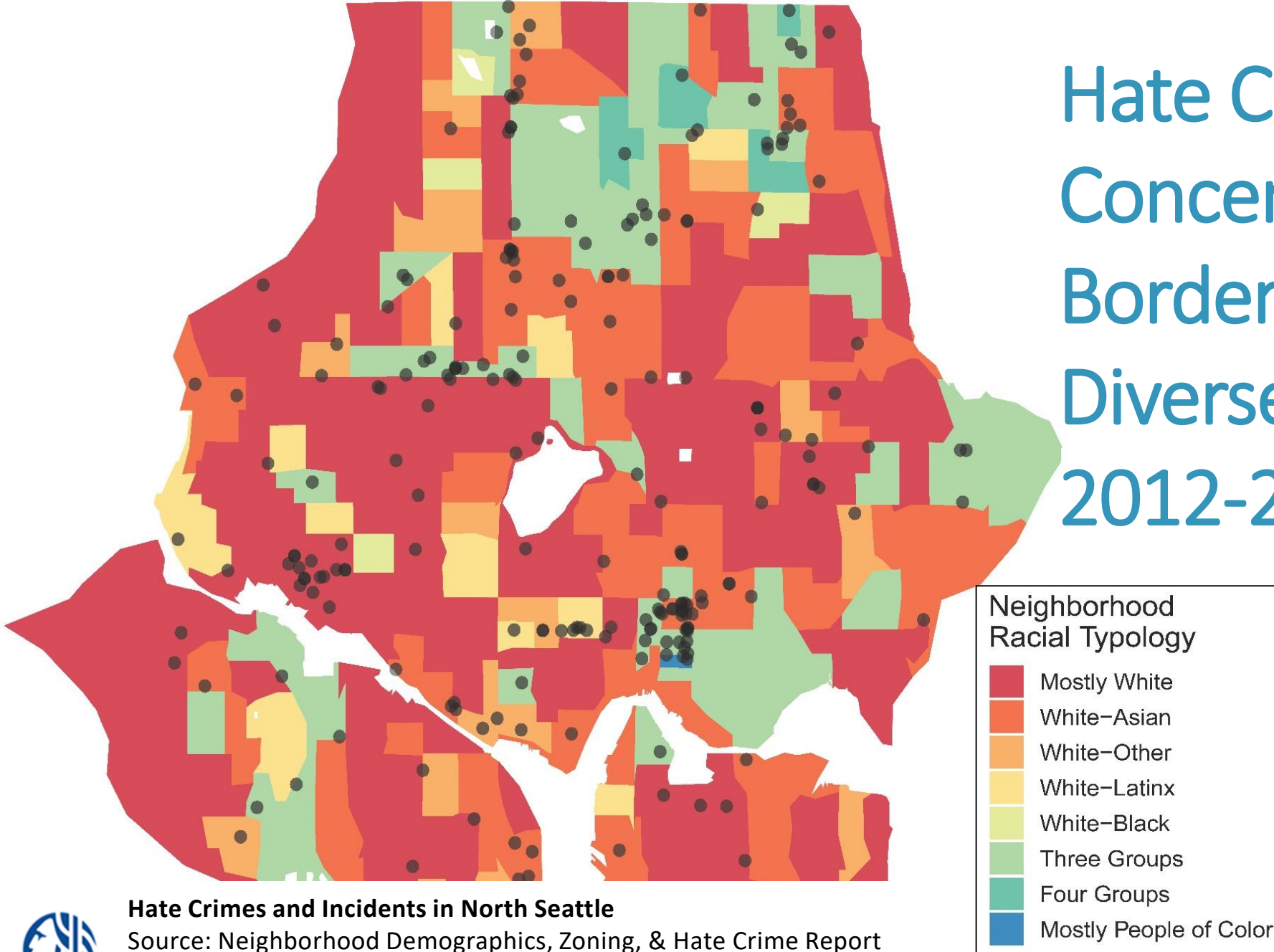


Hate Crimes and Incidents in South Seattle

Source: Neighborhood Demographics, Zoning, & Hate Crime Report



Hate Crimes Were Concentrated Along Borders of Racially Diverse Neighborhoods, 2012-2016



Hate Crimes and Incidents in North Seattle

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Survey of 53 Community Organizations – Underreporting

- **28** organizations think hate crimes are a significant issue for the people they serve
- **32** organizations knew a recent victim
- **19** organizations knew a victim who did not report a hate crime
 - Immigration status
 - Fear of offender retaliation
 - Reported to community organization
 - Limited English proficiency
 - Perception that law enforcement would be inefficient and/or ineffective



Survey of Community Organizations – Vulnerable Populations

People with disabilities

- 8 organizations knew a recent victim

People who are homeless

- 14 organizations knew a recent victim

People from immigrant communities and non-English speakers

- Top reason for not reporting



Survey of Community Organizations – Requests for Support

- Coordination with SPD to increase reporting, especially for vulnerable populations
- Better understanding of the reporting process
- Information on report resolutions
- Education/training and resource guides
- Tips – prevention, recognizing a hate crime, respond safely
- More police presence
- More support for victims



Prevention and Response: Recommendations

Recommendation 4: SPD should partner with community organizations to address:

- Underreporting
- Vulnerable Populations
- Requests for Support

Recommendation 5: SPD should use additional indicators to evaluate the success of hate crime efforts.



Hate Crime Data Tracking: Recommendations

Recommendation 6: SPD should have a policy on updating electronic case records.

Recommendation 7: SPD should have a policy on including hate graffiti in bias crimes statistics.



Thank You

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